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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are eliminating the subsidy on agriculture due to pressure from international unions;

(b) if not, the reasons for reducing the subsidy; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make the agriculture policy farmer-friendly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Under the provisions of WTO Agreement on agriculture, India is underno compulsion to eliminate the subsidies currently given in Agriculture Sector.

(c): To make the Agriculture Policy Farmer-friendly, Government has taken number of steps to improve the conditions of farmers which include special concessions/subsidies to small and marginal farmers under various schemes. Besides, the National Agriculture Policy has underscored the need for ensuring remunerative prices for agricultural produce through the announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities.